February 27, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all departments and agencies making purchases of goods, including agricultural products, to give preference to those produced or grown in this state or offered by Tennessee bidders as follows:

- Goods produced in this state or offered by Tennessee bidders shall equally be given preference if the cost to the state and quality are equal; and
- Agricultural products grown in this state shall be given first preference and agricultural products offered by Tennessee bidders shall be given second preference, if the cost to the state and quality are equal.
- If goods produced or grown in this state or offered by Tennessee bidders are not equal in cost and quality, then goods produced or grown in other states of the United States shall be given preference over foreign products if the cost to the state and quality are equal.
- All state agencies making purchase of vegetation for landscaping purposes, including plants, shall give preference to Tennessee vegetation native to the region if the cost to the state is not greater and the quality is not inferior.
- Requires all departments and agencies procuring services to give preference to services offered by a Tennessee bidder if the services meet state requirements regarding the service to be performed and expected quality, and the cost of the service does not exceed the cost of other similar services of similar expected quality that are not offered by a Tennessee bidder.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures -Not Significant

Estimate assumes that an increase in processing time could result for such contracts and some contracts might have to be reviewed to ascertain company ownership, headquarters, location and origin of goods or products. However, any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director